



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/859,609  
Filing Date: May 17, 2001  
Applicant: Eiichi Naito et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2167  
Examiner: Sathyanarayan R. Pannala  
Title: Information Retrieval System  
Attorney Docket: 5077-000043

---

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.